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STANDARD & POOR'S INCREASES TOWN OF HERNDON BOND RATING TO AAA

Herndon, VA (July 7, 2010) – Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, the global provider of credit opinions to worldwide credit markets, has upgraded the Town of Herndon's general obligation bond rating from AA+ to AAA and has also affirmed the town's stable outlook.

According to Standard & Poor's, the upgraded rating reflects its view of the town's prime location within the Dulles Corridor; its strong income and wealth indicators; and its "very" strong financial position, including low overall debt burden on a market value basis. Standard & Poor's analysts cited small but consistent operating surpluses for the town over the past three fiscal years, as well as its maintenance of an unreserved fund balance of more than 20 percent of operating expenditures over several years, as factors in its opinion.

Furthermore, Standard & Poor's analysts affirmed an outlook for the town that is stable based on its location and its maintenance of strong general fund reserves.

"This upgrade to AAA status reflects extremely well on the town's management of taxpayers' money and our careful fiscal stewardship in spite of a difficult economy," said Mayor Steve DeBenedittis. "This upgraded rating allows us to borrow at attractive rates to finance town projects – also a real, tangible benefit to our citizens."

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs," and *Money* Magazine has ranked Herndon among its "Best Places for the Rich and Single."

For more information, visit the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

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